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CACHUMA LAKE RECREATION INFORMATION FOR OCTOBER 2016 *Program and Activity Schedule Enclosed*

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – Announcing the Cachuma Lake fall schedule for rest, relaxation, recreation and adventure. As summer fades into fall and leaves change, visitors can find everything needed for a relaxing lakeside getaway in the great outdoors, from year-round rentals of cabins, tents and yurts, to RV camping, boating, boat and kayak rentals, picnicking, fishing, bird watching and nature cruises on the lake.

Located off scenic Highway 154 in the Santa Ynez Valley, Cachuma Lake is midway between the coast of Santa Barbara and the Danish community of Solvang. For easy trip planning, Cachuma Lake offers online reservations at www.sbparks.org. Enclosed below is a schedule of upcoming activities and programs that every member of the family may enjoy.

Special Fall Program:

Creepy Creatures at the Neal Taylor Nature Center

Saturday, October 15

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

(Offered by Santa Barbara County Parks and the Neal Taylor Nature Center)

Description: Fall under the spell of spiders, scorpions, snakes and other scary things. Touch a collection of real skulls and bones that will rattle *your* bones, make your own mask, and enjoy enchanting live music and sip witches brew.

Admission: Free with \$10 per vehicle admission.

Information: Call (805) 688-4515 or go to “Calendar of Events” at www.sbparks.org.

Book and Treasures Sale, Neal Taylor Nature Center

9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, October 15

Description: Spend time browsing through the wide selection of books and treasures, all at excellent prices.

Admission: Free

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Year-Round Nature Programs:

Cachuma Lake Wildlife Cruise

3 p.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday*; 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday-Sunday

*Wildlife cruise unavailable October 14-16.

Description: A Santa Barbara County Park Department naturalist leads a two-hour cruise that focuses on wildlife, including local and migratory birds, mammals, flora, geology and cultural history.

Admission: \$10 per vehicle admission, plus \$17/adults, \$7/children (4-12 years old)

Reservations: Mon-Fri, call (805) 568-2460; weekends, call (805) 686-5055

Information: Call the Park Naturalist office at (805) 688-4515 or go to www.sbparks.org and click on "Nature Cruise." To schedule a private weekday cruise for schools and groups, please call the Park Naturalist office at (805) 688-4515.

Cachuma Lake Nature Walk

10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Saturdays*

*Nature walk unavailable Saturday, October 15

Description: Santa Barbara County Park Naturalists and interpretive guides lead an easy-paced, ½-mile walk on the Oak Canyon Trail. Attendees should meet at the Neal Taylor Nature Center.

Admission: Free for campers. \$10 park entry fee for non-campers.

Information: The Nature Walk is limited to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. Large groups are encouraged to call the Park Naturalists in advance at (805) 688-4515. To schedule a private nature walk for schools and groups on weekdays, please call the Park Naturalist office at (805) 688-4515.

Cachuma Lake Junior Ranger Program

12:30-1:30 p.m., Saturdays*

*Jr. Ranger program unavailable Saturday, October 15

Description: Kids earn a Junior Ranger badge as they learn about wildlife and care of the natural environment with the help of a Santa Barbara County Park Naturalist. Participants should meet at the Nature Center.

Admission: \$2 per child in addition to \$10 per vehicle Park day use fee.

Information: The program is limited to 30 participants on a first come, first serve basis. Groups of 10 or more participants are asked make arrangements in advance by calling the Naturalist Office at (805) 688-4515. For those who can't attend a Saturday session, we now offer "Jr. Rangers To-Go." To schedule a date and time, or other information, please call the Naturalist Office at (805) 688-4515.

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NEAL TAYLOR NATURE CENTER AT CACHUMA LAKE:

Neal Taylor Nature Center

10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday

Description: The Neal Taylor Nature Center with gift and book shop is located in the historic white ranch house behind Cachuma Lake General Store. Exhibits and hands-on displays for all ages feature local wildlife, birds, plant life, geology and local history.

Admission: Free admission for campers. \$10 park entry fee for non-campers.

Information: Call (805) 693-0691, see park bulletin boards, or visit www.clnaturecenter.org.

Nature Center Detectives

2 p.m. every Friday

Description: Fun Nature Center scavenger hunt that is open to all ages

Admission: Free

Information: Call (805) 693-0691 or visit www.clnaturecenter.org.

“Going Batty” at the Nature Center

Dates and times TBA, please check www.clnaturecenter.org

Description: Meet behind the Nature Center at dusk for a talk and living exhibit of our local bats and watch them come out to feed. The presentation will be made by a Nature Center Docent.

Admission: Free

OUTDOOR RECREATION AT CACHUMA LAKE:

Cachuma Lake Hiking – There are four miles of trails for self-guided hikes within the Park. Pick up a trail map at the front gate. \$10 park admission per vehicle. For more information, call (805) 688-4515 or visit www.sbparks.org.

Cachuma Lake Fishing – Fishing from shore in the campground or from a boat is open year-round with a valid fishing license. The lake supports rainbow trout, large and smallmouth bass, crappie, and channel catfish. Check the website for the Weekly Fishing Report, and for strict boat inspection and launch requirements to control invasive plants and animals. **NOTE:** Due to 30-day Quagga restrictions, please have your personal boat inspected and tagged by Cachuma Lake staff at least 30 days before launching. For more information, go to www.sbparks.org and [search](#) “Quagga” under Boating.

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Cachuma Lake Marina & Boat Rentals – The marina and lake is open daily. Lake hours for October 1-15: 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and October 16-31: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Boat rentals, party boats, pontoon boats, kayak rentals, slip rentals, one-day fishing licenses, and full bait and tackle are available. For more information, please call (805) 688-4040.

Bow Fishing for Carp – Bow fishing is permitted at Cachuma Lake. Permits are free and obtained at the lake. See Carp Bow Fishing at Cachuma Lake at www.sbparks.org for completed information and regulations.